Sheet 1

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE duction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond

Substitute for form 1449/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)

of 1

Complete if Known			
Application Number	10/542,909		
Filing Date	07/20/2005		
First Named Inventor	Guofu Zhou		
Art Unit	2873		
Examiner Name			
Attorney Docket Number	NI 030025		

Examiner	Cite No.1	Document Number	U. S. PATENT	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where
Initials*	No.1	Number-Kind Code ^{2 (# known)}	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
/RC/	Α	^{US-} 2002/005832	01/17/2002	Katase Makoto	
/RC/	В	^{US-} 6,504,524	01/07/2003	Albert Jonathan et a	
/RC/	C	^{US-} 6,236,385	05/22/2001	Akira Inque et al	
/RC/	O	^{US-} 5,961,804	10/05/1999	Jacobson et al	
/RC/	Ε	^{US-} 6,120,839	09/19/2000	Comiskey et al	
/RC/	F	^{US-} 6,130,774	10/10/2000	Albert et al	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			······································
		US-			
		US-	1		
		US-			
		US-	1		
		US-	<u> </u>		
		US-			
		US-			
		US-	 		
		US-	+		
	_	U\$-	 		

		FORE	IGN PATENT DOCU	IMENTS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	
		Country Code ³ "Number ⁴ "Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
						Ŀ
						

Examiner Signature	/Robert Carter/	Date Considered	03/21/2007

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.